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# Long walk home



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**Chapter 1 by Timmy Ann**

And as I walked down the hall everything seemed so much heavier. Something was different, and I should've took that as a warning sign. Out of all the commotion of kids rushing to catch the school bus, I heard a vivid tic-toc of a clock. This urged me to look at my phone. It was 2:45 pm. Eric promised to walk me home today. He'd usually come by my locker at 2:35 pm, this was his 6th time doing this in the past 2 weeks. But today I decided I'll find him myself. I tried searching in his everyday spots. I even asked his friend Tommy but no clue to his whereabouts. I became irritable because I had an apple pie waiting on me in the fridge at home and I was going to miss another episode of George's Gift if I don't make it home in time. After a while, the searching became useless. Maybe something came up or maybe he just forgot. I decided to head out by myself. Using the back stairwell was the fastest way to leave. As I opened the door, my mouth dropped in astonishment. It was my boyfriend Eric and Ruby Roman exchanging saliva like the biggest drug deal of their lives on the 3rd step of the back stairwell. My hands became weak and I dropped my literature book. It made a loud bang and I guess that's what startled them. I could curse my parents for teaching me common curiosity because I immediately apologized for the loud sound my book made. But I soon came to realize who the hell I was and the situation I was involved in. Ruby backed down two steps because she wasn't sure of my next move and quite frankly I wasn't either. What was I to do? It was silent for a moment when Eric then fixed his lips to finally come up with 101 excuses. I wasn't too much worried about what he was saying. I was really focused on whether I was going to continue down the steps or leave back out the door and try another stairwell. My legs moved before my mind was made up and without a word I ran down the steps. It kind of satisfied me to see Ruby get scared as I walked past her because she

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straight out the door and I continued down the stairs. I was so relieved to find something else nothing but the back stairwell. I stopped and looked around to see if anyone noticed but my book. At this point, nothing really mattered so I took the stairs and decided to let the

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questions attack. Why would he do that? How long has this been going on? Is everyone else aware? Or am I the only stupid one? Should I have punched Ruby? Or Eric? What am I going to say tomorrow? What am I going to do tomorrow? This walk home was the longest walk ever.

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